

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 to 11. (Canceled)

12. (New) An information processing apparatus for communication with an external apparatus which can interpret a plurality of device control languages with respective priorities, said information processing apparatus comprising:

acquiring means for acquiring identification information which specifies one of the plurality of device control languages with a highest priority; and

selection means for selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired by said acquiring means.

13. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein if no program corresponds to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired by said acquiring means, said acquiring means acquires identification information which specifies a device control language with a second highest priority.

14. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising sending means for sending to the external apparatus an instruction for

switching to the device control language corresponding to the program selected by said selection means.

15. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the program comprises a printer driver to perform printing.

16. (New) An information processing method carried out in an information processing apparatus to which an external device is connected, the information processing apparatus for communication with the external device which can interpret a plurality of device control languages with respective priorities, said method comprising the steps of:

acquiring identification information which specifies one of the plurality of device control languages with a highest priority; and

selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step.

17. (New) A computer-readable medium embodying computer-executable instructions for an information processing method carried out in an information processing apparatus to which an external device is connected, the information processing apparatus for communication with the external device which can interpret a plurality of device control languages with respective priorities, the method comprising the steps of:

acquiring identification information which specifies one of the plurality of device control languages with a highest priority; and

selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step.

18. (New) The computer-readable medium according to claim 17, wherein if no program corresponds to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step, said acquiring step acquires identification information which specifies a device control language with a second highest priority.

19. (New) The computer-readable medium according to claim 17, wherein the method further comprises a step of sending to the external device an instruction for switching to the device control language corresponding to the program selected in said selecting step.

20. (New) The computer-readable medium according to claim 17, wherein the program comprises a printer driver to perform printing.

21. (New) A computer-readable program for an information processing method carried out in an information processing apparatus to which an external device is connected, the information processing apparatus for communication with the external

device which can interpret a plurality of device control languages with respective priorities, the method comprising the steps of:

acquiring identification information which specifies one of the plurality of device control languages with a highest priority; and
selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step.

22. (New) An information processing apparatus comprising:
acquiring means for acquiring identification information which specifies a device control language currently set in an external apparatus, wherein the external apparatus can interpret a plurality of device control languages; and
selection means for selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired by said acquiring means.

23. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the program is a printer driver and the external apparatus is a printer.

24. (New) An information processing method comprising the steps of:
acquiring identification information which specifies a device control language currently set in an external apparatus, wherein the external apparatus can interpret a plurality of device control languages; and

selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step.

25. (New) An information processing method according to claim 24, wherein the program is a printer driver and the external apparatus is a printer.

26. (New) A computer-executable program for an information processing method to be carried out in an information processing apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

acquiring identification information which specifies a device control language currently set in an external apparatus, wherein the external apparatus can interpret a plurality of device control languages; and

selecting from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired in said acquiring step.

27. (New) A computer-executable program according to claim 26, wherein the program is a printer driver and the external apparatus is a printer.